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that machine at the present time that we had to pull off and put on tape," said Mobley. "This has been done so that we can continue to function on a day-to-day basis."

"If somebody needs any of that old data, we have to stop and take something else off and reload that data in order to operate."

Mobley recommended that in lieu of up-grading the present system, two smaller systems be installed. One for the probate office and the other for the county commission office. This will create room for those remaining on the present system's expand.

He estimated that this could probably be accomplished at a cost of approximately \$35,000.00.

"To enhance the present county-wide system, according to the county's computer programmer, John Brim, you are looking at a \$60,000 or \$70,000 to up-grade to a larger machine," said Mobley.

Mobley asked for the commission's approval to proceed with the plan.

During the discussion of this matter, Commissioner Stephens expressed concern of not bidding the system update or expansion project.

Mobley told commissioners that according to the state's bid law, this does not have to be bid; however, it can be if the commission desires to do so.

Mobley stated that by making the proposed changes or modification, (addition of two smaller computer systems to the present one), Brim estimated the system's life would be five to seven years based on the county's present rate of growth.

The commission voted to follow the administrator's recommendation. Mobley is to be prepared to present definite prices for the commission's approval at the next meeting.

In other matters, the commission took the following action:

***Commissioner Robert Stephens presented a request from the family of Ms. Gladys Clark, former Circuit Clerk, that they be allowed to hang her portrait in the hall of the Elba Courthouse. Ms. Clark served as Coffee County Circuit Clerk for 36 years. The commission agreed to the request with the stipulation that anyone (elected official) with at least 36 years of service could make a similar request.

***Approved paying the county's juvenile probation officers' salary

through the remainder of the fiscal year. The vote was 6 to 1 with Commissioner Black casting the lone dissenting vote.

***Upon the recommendation of the landfill committee, the commission approved a credit application for use of the county landfill from Michael Patrick's Roofing of Elba.

***At the request of the Alabama State Revenue Department, the commission approved the "tentative" reappraisal budget submitted by Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns. The budget figure is \$182,216.00 maximum.

***Approved a request by Commissioner Black that a new voting house be constructed at Bluff Springs.

***Committee composed of Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Bill Faulk, Robert Stephens and Jack Hanson was appointed to look into the possibility of purchasing the property adjoining the county's at the Farm Center Complex. The house and lot are located between the driveway leading to the county jail and the one that enters the county complex.

FILL

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general consensus of the board was that the vacancy could and should be filled by transferring a teacher within the system.

There also appeared to be concern on the part of some board members about their getting involved in the recommendation process.

"I feel that we should honor what our principals and other people who make the recommendations think, myself," said Harold Carroll. "And, I don't feel like we need to get engaged in recommending people we want employed."

After each board member had their say, the superintendent made the recommendation that Mrs. Sessions' transfer be approved. The board gave its approval.

Moving on to other personnel matters, the board granted a request by Linda Friedman that she be released from her contract due to personal reasons.

Blair Andress, upon the recommendation of Dr. Linda Ingram, was hired to replace Friedman. Andress will be teaching English at Zion Chapel High School.

Bridget Mock was granted a six-weeks leave of absence at New Brockton.

Board members also approved the hiring of the following support personnel: Betty Etzel as an interpreter for the hearing impaired at Zion Chapel; two aides, Benji Hutchinson and Donna Cotter, to assist students at New Brockton with multiple handicaps; and a part-time lunchroom employee, Ethel Henderson.

Prior to adjourning, Supt. Bryant presented members of the board with a draft salary schedule for professional personnel.

He asked that they review the schedule and be prepared to act on the matter at the next board meeting, August 14.

Bryant stated that the salary increases would be funded with revenue received from the state.

He also noted that no provisions were made in the draft for support personnel. Bryant feels that the board should consider instituting an increase for them too. This would require local funding.

The board adjourned with business being completed in just over forty-five minutes.

BID

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tile to replace damaged carpet in the police department. A low bid of \$1563.11 from an Enterprise firm was accepted by the council.

The council tabled any action on a proposal from a firm promising to collect some overdue money for Elba.

A letter was read from the firm wanting 30% of \$1185.35 for collecting the amount they contend is owed to Elba by an unnamed source.

The council will refer the letter and the idea of paying a finder's fee to the city attorney for advice.

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Hot weather produces utility profits

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board met on Tuesday evening, August 15th. Getting a quorum was doubtful for a while, but a late arrival made the meeting possible.

Absent were board members Elton Lowery and Earl McCollough.

Utility sales are up, according to

reports presented at the meeting. Elba is probably experiencing the heaviest electric power sales in history. The high volume is showing up as a boost in the operating revenues and the profits.

The year-long trend in electric power sales indicates the industrial electric usage is leading the year long increase in consumption. Records show it is up a whopping

13% over the same period a year ago. That was the largest factor in the almost 11% year-to-date increase in the profits from the electrical system before the intense heat of July and August.

The increase in the water rates last fall have gotten the water department almost back to a break-even point. The July operating statement shows the water department losing only \$344 for the month and less than \$50,000 for the entire year if depreciation of lines and equipment is discounted.

Electric meter readings indicate only 2.95% of the power purchased was lost through line leakage, etc.

Water meter readings indicate a 4.64% loss of water pumped for the previous month.

Monthly bills totaled \$24,499.66 and were approved for payment.

Mayor Ricky Haywood addressed the board with concerns over a property owner having electric meters installed in his name rather than the renter. He said the avoiding of paying the normal deposit was unfair to other property owners renting housing. Board members questioned the fact the property owner was now responsible for the utility bill and wasn't that better for the utility department.

No decision was made and Chairman Gladys Yelverton volunteered to investigate and report back to the board with a recommendation.

Water Supervisor Dennis Coleman reported working 81 work orders (a record high). He said they repaired 36 water leaks and made 50 new connections (mostly on the new county line on Highway 125).

Coleman attributed the many water leaks to dry weather causing the ground to crack and shift, adding pressure to old water lines.

The board approved Coleman's request to do the engineering to connect a "loop" from the Highway 84 tank to Forest Lake Drive. This is to increase water pressure in the area of increased home construction.

City Clerk Henry Clark reported that two employees, Jeff Puckett and Larry Eddins, took a bucket truck and helped repair storm damage in Clark and Washington Counties in Southwest Alabama.

The board members expressed their appreciation of past help when Elba had problems, and opted not to bill the co-ops involved for the work.

City of Elba receives \$304,300.00 sewer improvement grant from CDBG

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Alabama Governor Fob James announced last week that Elba was on the receiving end of a large grant. The \$304,300 sewer improvement grant, funded by the Community Development Block Grant program, is based on a competitive basis. The application is scored on a number of items including needs of the community and number of people directly benefiting from the improvements.

James' letter announcing the grant ended with, "I commend you on your efforts to improve the quality of life for your citizens."

City Clerk Henry Clark said the grant application listed the exact work which would be done with the grant. All areas fit pre-approved guidelines.

The grant application had been commissioned by the Elba city council. Helping with the application were Fredrick Hamilton of the SE Ala Planning Commission and engineer Bobby Lee of Peters Mitchell Engineering.

Included is extended sewer service to the rest of the residents on Cedar Lane Drive (1/2 are already on city sewerage; and to residents on Gibson Street. Residents on the west side of Reese Street (Kinston Highway) in the Clark Subdivision area will get sewer service and some long awaited lift station improvement work.

Reese Street residents continually complain of lift station overflows and the obnoxious smells which accompany the problem.

Clark said it is his goal to complete the work by the first of the year. He added it must be completed by February for Elba to qualify for additional grant funds next year.

Resignation, leave of absence & hiring are sole business of Elba BOE meeting

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board met last Thursday with resignations, a leave of absence and hiring replacements the sole business of the day. There was one resignation, one leave of absence request and five recommendations for hiring of classroom personnel.

The resignation of apribusiness teacher Brian Heaton was accepted. Superintendent Charles Pearce reported Heaton was returning to his home county in North Alabama.

Board chairman Daniel Stephens said, "He must have been doing a heck of a good job, judging by the phone calls I got from people upset over his leaving." Pearce was authorized to write Heaton a letter on behalf of the board thanking him for his work and dedication.

Mrs. Nadine Scarborough requested a one year leave of absence to work on an Alabama Department of Education project.

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Mallory recognized for 43 years of service

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Coffee County resident Charles Mallory was recently recognized for his many years of work in the conservation of soil and water.

In presenting Mr. Mallory with a plaque, which read: "Southeast Alabama Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Certificate of Achievement in recognition of 43 years of dedicated service to the Soil and Water Conservation District," Steve Musser, District Conservationist, said, "You have been a great example of what a district supervisor is supposed to be."

"He didn't do it (being a district supervisor) for what he got out of it," said Musser. "Monetarily, he was lucky if he got mileage. He was volunteering before volunteering was cool!"

Mallory says the pay or reward comes when he rides over the county and sees good conservation practices continuing, which he was instrumental in starting.

Mallory has served as a soil and water conservation district supervisor since 1953. He retired this year after 43 years of service.

The first Soil and Water Conservation District for this area was formed on April 30, 1940, and was called the Wiregrass Conservation District.

This was a multi-county district with one representative from each county forming a governing board.

In 1953, Mr. Mallory became Coffee County's representative replacing D. H. James of Enterprise.

In 1959, each of the counties in the Wiregrass District decided that they needed to break apart and have single county districts.

On May 1, 1959, the Coffee



HONORED DISTRICT SUPERVISOR...Charles Mallory (right) is pictured above accepting a plaque from Coffee County's District Conservationist Steve Musser.

County Soil and Water Conservation District was formed, with Mallory continuing to serve as a board member until his retirement this year.

Mallory is a good example of why conservation districts were formed. With the creation of the federal agency, the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), in 1935, a local tie to the community was needed.

The local conservation district was designed to work with the agency to be sure it was doing what was needed in that county.

Conservation district supervisors were individuals in the community in whom the people could place their trust.

As the SCS came up with better methods of conserving soil, or sug-



DREAM SLOWED HIT BY WINDS The dream of Pat and Roger Boothe to be ready for the launch of their Heart of Dixie Music Park next month had to take a back seat this week. Either a tornado or very strong winds ripped apart their new pavilion Saturday night about 9:30. While the National Weather Service has no official report of a tornado, Booth said he and his family heard the classic roar which sounded like four freight trains coming through. At daylight found the wreckage of their new facility scattered across the landscape and neighboring cotton field. They suffered no damage to their home, which is across the field from the music pavilion.

While the opening has been delayed, Boothe, himself in the insurance business, reported the facility was fully insured and they plan to rebuild and hopefully open in late October. The bandstand was left intact and he feels the facility can be reconstructed in two weeks of hard work, once the insurance company issues a settlement.

In the above picture, Boothe and his son Brad Holley, are shown surveying the extent of the damage. Brad has worked hard helping get the park ready to open and is optimistic they will be able to rebuild in a few weeks.

County school system's enrollment is up

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The Coffee County Schools are in their second week of classes and Superintendent Clayton Bryant reports that everything is going really well.

"We've had a good opening, but we've had a hot opening," Bryant said.

School officials have taken special measures in dealing with the extraordinary hot weather such as reducing outside PE (physical education) activities.

Bryant reports that enrollment in county schools - particularly Zion Chapel and New Brockton - is up

from last year's by approximately 125 to 130 students.

He said that this number usually increases as the year goes along based on past years' history.

Commenting on the teacher-pupil ratio, Bryant said that he was pleased with the numbers.

"In grades K-6, if we can keep it (the teacher-pupil ratio) below 25 that it's workable," he said.

The county school board held a special work session and board meeting last week, prior to the start of school. Bryant touched on several things that were done in that meeting.

Bryant stated that he is also pleased with the state's education budget.

"We're working at putting figures in, and I still say when we finalize our budget it will be the best budget we've ever had," said Bryant.

He noted that one of the good points of the education budget is that it calls for funding based on the actual number of students enrolled and not on the daily average attendance.

In regards to the "leaking roof problem" at New Brockton Elementary School, Bryant said that the situation is being closely monitored. Hopefully it will be resolved in the very near future.

The board also nominated three persons from which one will be chosen to serve on the Board of Equalization. They were Lynn Baxley, Mix Andrews and Eric Wilson. Their names will be submitted to the State Revenue Commissioner.

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Dog owner's responsibility

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

In the City of Elba, stray dogs, when caught, are taken to the city's impound yard. It is then the responsibility of the animal's owner to check with authorities to see if his or her pet has been captured.

After checking with city officials, it is not stipulated in the animal control ordinance that the owner be notified, even if the dog or dogs are wearing collars with phone numbers on them. It is also not city hall's policy to do so.

Recently, some hunting dogs "escaped" from their pen and were ultimately picked up by the city's animal control officer (dog catcher). The dogs had collars on identifying their owner and listing his phone number.

The owner was upset when he found out his dogs were in the city pound and that he had not been called.

After the dust settled, he told authorities that he was willing to pay the initial impound fee of \$25, but

not the \$5.00 per day for the two days the dogs were in the pound.

He was told that he would have to pay the total amount or the dogs would have to remain in "custody."

City Clerk Henry Clark, when contacted, stated that the dogs were in bad need of food when they were brought into the pound and that situation is being closely monitored. Hopefully it will be resolved in the very near future.

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Partnership with People forum at ESJC tonight

The sixth in the series of seven "Partnership with the People" public forums sponsored by Auburn University will be held at Enterprise State Junior College on Thursday (TODAY), August 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The forum, with the "Partnership with the People" summer initiative is an ambitious effort to learn directly from Alabamians which existing outreach programs are most effective, and what issues can be addressed by Auburn. The feedback will be used to structure future outreach programs.

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PTO MEETING. The New Brockton High School PTO meeting will be held Thursday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 28, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the Farm Center Complex.

CITY HALL TO CLOSE. The offices of the City of Elba will be closed Monday, September 4, 1995, in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, at 8:00 a.m. There will be standby crews for any electrical, water, street, or sewer emergencies. For any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

COFFEE COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE will remain open one hour longer (until 5:30 p.m.) on Thursday, August 31st and Friday, September 1st for the convenience of Coffee County citizens. Probate Judge Bill Gammell explained this is on a trial basis and is for titles transfers, the purchase of car tags and licenses only.



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Wednesday - Sausage/Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Toast/Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Chicken Fillet, Rice, Field Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Twice recently there were serious errors in this column, both while writing about our late friend, Sam Sawyer. The first one was when we quoted a usually good source and said Sam was the last active charter member of the Elba Rotary Club ... isn't so. Our informant called back to correct his statements, but the paper was already printed.

Then things got worse the next week! While trying to put the Elba city hall folks on the back for their efforts to remember former Mayor Sam Sawyer, the goof was the use of jester when the correct word is gesture. The first is a joker (i.e. court jester) and the latter is "some word or deed intended to convey respect." That got through because we wrote that last paragraph after correcting the mistakes found by the proofreader and failed to correct (or even see) something even this country writer knew better than to write. You have our deepest apologies for all the above. There was one positive thing to come out of our last goof ... at least for a small part of society. One dear retired school teacher friend called, rolling with laughter at catching us in such a mistake. Also, one of our children offered an English lesson, which was respectfully declined.

Jimmy Baker, a former Coffee County Superintendent of Education, has thrown his hat in the ring for the position of State Superintendent of Education. He is presently serving as one of the kingspins in Governor Bob James' cabinet. While his name was mentioned off and on for months, it was only recently that he acknowledged an interest. It is unknown at this point whether the school board will even consider him, since their announced deadline for candidates has come and gone. But then, he is the governor's man and the governor is the official chairman of the state board! The ironic thing we see here takes us back to the day after a list of candidates for the office was released. More than one expected name wasn't on the list. We got on the phone to ask a friend who is considered to be "in the know about such matters" just why these candidates never showed. The answer was, "Regardless of who is named to the position, Jimmy Baker will be running the show and the names you mentioned don't want to be in a position of control, without any control."

Boxing is not a favorite sport in this corner. Nor is the boxer who just got out of jail following a rape conviction, one of our favorite people. Therefore, the response was, "we told you so," when we heard the show biz production was over Saturday night in SECONDS and the former jailbird was the winner. Try dividing his megabuck prize by the seconds the fight lasted ... a bit better than union scale, right? Thankfully, our \$45 had not been spent on the pay-per-view TV rights and friends invited in to watch an exciting boxing match!

Bill Bradley, of late a Democratic U.S. Senator from New Jersey, has announced he will not seek re-election. The former professional basketball player is well respected in political circles. Like President Clinton, he is a Rhodes scholar and his every day actions have common sense to match. There have long been rumors Bradley would challenge Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination and this latest action doesn't counter those ideas. Bradley found a lot of support last week when he said "politics is broken." The people have been trying to tell state and national leaders the same thing for several years, but it seems the message ain't been heard loudly enough ... yet.

It is regrettable that the only problem society faces is NOT the young lady, Shannon Faulkner, and her aborted effort to get an education at the Citadel. Life would be so simple if Shannon Faulkner and the Citadel were our only worry. The South Carolina, state supported, military school wanted to remain all-male but her lawyers fought all the way to the Supreme Court, and won. Four or five days after she was finally admitted ... the 20 year old withdrew, citing nerves. Most of that time was spent in the hospital. Some female cadets at other military colleges have speculated Faulkner wasn't prepared, either mentally or physically. Imagine the personal reaction of the lawyers who fought for two or three years to get her admitted to the Citadel.

Local sentiment was that the U.S. military should have completed their mission against Saddam the first time around. Judging by recent activities, they may get that option again. Frankly we hope not, one American life is too high a price to pay for a barrel of oil.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 15, 1995 through August 21, 1995.

They were: Elaine Boswell, Carolyn Butcher, Walter Nelson, Sara Smith, Sara Littleton, Gerald Bowden, Pamela Talley, Louie Watson, William Holland, Vinnie Medley, Valie Mitchell, Samuel Colvin, Lula Cole, Jimmy Caldwell, Exa Driggers, Annie Ellis, Lena Weeks, Huey Daniels, Boncille Bush, Sherry Simmons, Britany Amette, Brandy Danley, Wallace Hardy, and Harold Barker.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Carolyn Butcher, Clair Winston, Elaine Boswell, Eva Ammons, Allen Johnson, Ella F. Hudson, Leamon Bolling, Walter Nelson, Vinnie Medley, Louie Watson, Gerald Bowden, Pamela Talley, Huey Daniels, and William Holland.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 15 Thru AUGUST 21, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 15, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one menacing, two criminal mischief, two burglaries, three harassments, two unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, seven thefts of property, one violation of court order, and one assault.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for driving while driver's license is revoked and one for speeding.

Arrests for the week were as follows: one for failure to pay fines, one for violation of a court order, one for contempt of court, one for receiving stolen property, and one for assault.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 - River stage - 3.58 feet (6:28 a.m.); Wreck reported on Co. Rd. 239 (7:20 a.m.); Fire and rescue units dispatched to wreck on Co. Rd. 239 (7:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Harris St. (1:40 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL 203 and Claxton Ave. (3:13 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck at the intersection of AL 203 and Claxton Ave. (3:14 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 84E (5:06 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (5:53 p.m.); Rescue run to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (7:46 p.m.); Mobile home fire on AL Hwy. 84E (9:15 p.m.); Rescue units dispatched to mobile home fire on AL Hwy. 84E (9:26 p.m.); Possible fight at Burch's Trailer Court (11:32 p.m.).

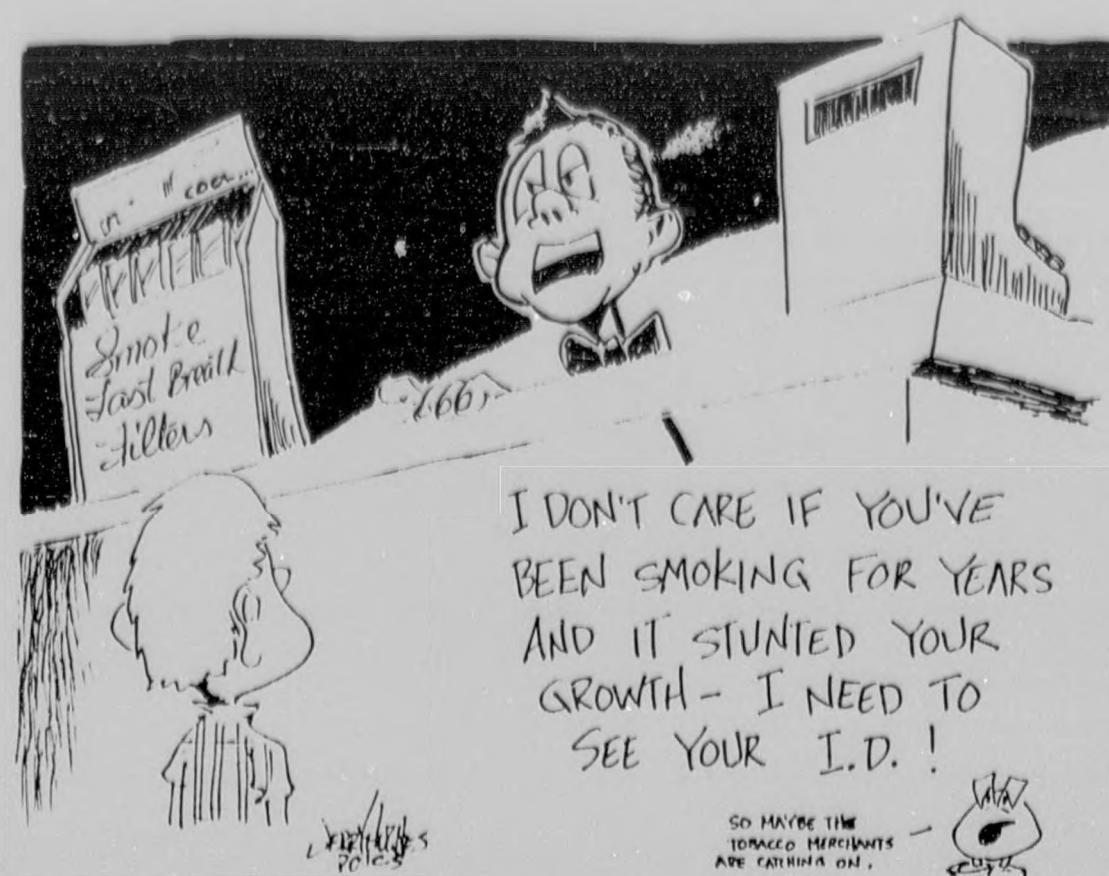
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 - River stage - 3.40 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (low water pressure) (10:42 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (5:42 p.m.); Alarm at Farmer's Bait Shop (5:42 p.m.); Alarm at Army Reserve Center (5:45 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (6:01 p.m.); Wreck reported on the bridge on

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CLIPPER - 1:00-7:30-12:15
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 897-3553
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
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FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
Terry Everett

Wanted: Applicants for U.S. Military Academies

Each year, it is my pleasure to accept applications and recommend appointments to the four United States military academies.

As we approach a new school year, interested eligible young men and women interested in attending one of the academies should read this carefully.

The U.S. military academies desire a geographical distribution of cadets and midshipmen. This is achieved through the congressional nomination and appointment process, which assigns a certain number of vacancies at each academy to every congressional district.

For instance, the Second Congressional District of Alabama may have up to five people at each academy at the same time. Each year, I go through the nomination process to select candidates for any vacancies which arise.

The process of applying to the military academies begins in high school, in the Spring of the junior year or the Fall of the senior year. At that time, students may contact my congressional office, expressing interest in The United States Military Academy at West Point, The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

Often, many young people have not made a final choice among academies, so they apply simultaneously to all four. The Coast Guard Academy does not fall under these guidelines, so candidates apply directly to that academy.

Because of academy rules, I must give priority to residents of the Second Congressional District of Alabama.

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Yukako Nakamura and Angie Laney

Laney family host to exchange student

Yukako Nakamura, the 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kuno Nakamura, from Fukushima, Japan, has been living in Elba since July 24, 1995. She is staying with the Laney family, hosted by Angie Laney. Yukako came to Coffee County through a program called Labo, this is equal to what we call 4-H. The two programs work together exchanging students for one month during the summer vacation.

During her stay here, Yukako spent a week in Huntsville/Denver visiting the Alabama Space and Rocket Center and Angie's relatives. She has also been shopping in Dothan, Enterprise and Elba for souvenirs to take back for family and friends. After a few days of rest, the family traveled to Pensacola, Florida to visit with more relatives and walk on the beach. Yukako says in Japan they have dark sand on their beaches, so she was very impressed with the white sands of Florida. Two of

AREA DEATHS

NELLIE WAYNE WALKER
Nellie Wayne Walker, age 55 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, August 17, 1995 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 1995 from the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle with Rev. Jimmy Porter and Rev. Jack Gideon officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Walker of Elba, AL; two daughters, Brenda Faye Talley and Sharon Kaye Sasser, both of Elba, AL; a son, J.D. Walker Jr. of Jay, Florida; two sisters, Mary Louise Kelley of Dothan, AL and Betty Sue Jernigan of Elba, AL; one brother, John Henry Jackson of Elba, AL; five grandchildren.

MARY WILL MCKENZIE
Mary Will McKenzie, age 56 of Elba, Alabama, passed away recently.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 20, 1995 from the Elba Zion Baptist Church with Dr. John L. Gray officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include her father, John Deloach of Panama City, Florida; her children, Glory Baldwin of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Mary H. Moultry of Elba, AL; one brother, John Oscar McKenzie; four uncles, Jerry Deloach, James Otis Deloach, Willie Deloach, and Lawrence McKenzie; ten aunts, Shirley Hendricks, Lula Mae Art, Bernice Williams, Beatrice Cline, and Dora Pittman, all of Panama City, FL; Carry Bell Wiggins of Dothan, AL; Pearl Daniels of Clio, AL; Ocie Chism, Ida Hammonds, and Ruth McKenzie; 6 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Elba High Marching Tiger Band begins

annual Calendar Sale

The Elba High School Band has begun their annual community Birthday Calendar sale. The Birthday Calendar makes Elba a friendly place to live by informing you of the birthdays and anniversaries of your loved ones and acquaintances along with meeting dates of many local, social, and fraternal groups. It is nice to surprise someone on their birthday or anniversary with a special greeting and the Birthday Calendar makes it possible.

Last year the EHS Band sold 550 calendars. This year their goal is 700 calendars. For a charge of \$5.00 you can purchase a calendar with six birthday or anniversary listings. Each birthday or anniversary listing after six will cost 25¢. The calendars will be delivered sometime in December just in time for the new year.

Please support the EHS Band by buying a 1996 Birthday Calendar. Sales are scheduled to close on September 7, 1995. If you are not con-

tacted by a band member and wish to purchase a calendar, contact Pam Baker at 897-2266 or Bill Hall at 897-6676 (evenings).

Early polyp removal reduces colon cancer risk.

Over 50,000 Americans lose their lives to colon cancer every year. Doctors believe many things predispose people to the disease, including heredity and diet. But studies also show that thanks to advances in colon cancer prevention and early detection, even those in the highest risk categories can reduce their risk of colon cancer death to near zero.

Prevention and early detection are done by checking the stool for blood, and an endoscopic procedure known

as colonoscopy. Used to detect and remove colon polyps before they become cancerous, colonoscopies are noninvasive, outpatient procedures, involving little recovery time and can be repeated as indicated for a lifetime of reduced cancer risk.

Dr. Sam Sawyer, Dr. Dan Sawyer, and Dr. Sherry Roach, of Sawyer Surgery Clinic in Enterprise have performed more than 1200 colonoscopies at Medical Center Enterprise. You may call Sawyer Surgery Clinic at (334) 393-3212 to set up a consultation.

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Alabama Mass Choir to sing at First Baptist Church

The Alabama Mass Choir, directed by Keith Ellison, will present a concert at First Baptist Church in Elba on Saturday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. All races and all denominations are invited. No admission charge. Call the church office at 897-2246 for additional information.

Christian Education Conference 1995 to be held

The Christian Education Conference 1995 will be held at Harris Temple COGIC, 647 Adams St., Elba, AL, Tuesday, September 5 and Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 each night. The annual day will be Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. Eld. W.K. Ellison is pastor and Eld. Eugene Johnson is director.

Abundant Life Church to hold revival services

Revival will be held at Abundant Life Church Sunday, September 3 through Wednesday, September 6. Service times for Sunday will be 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Services will begin at 7:00 each night Monday through Wednesday. The speaker will be Janet Edwards German. The church is located on 414 W. Washington Street, Samson, AL. A nursery will be provided. Everyone welcome to attend.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

The Senior Citizens held their weekly meeting with 17 present. Those present were Mattie Lou Goodson, Louise Wambles, Rushia Blanton, Coley Wambles, Sis Wambles, Jewell Turner, James Maddox, Hazel Bragg, Virgie Wambles, Mattie Lou Wambles, Frank and Magdalene McCollough, Sammie and Inez Wambles. The helpers were Sheila Haun, Diane Hudson, and Austin Hudson. The seniors were entertained by having fellowship and playing dominoes. The seniors would like to invite others to come and join their fellowship.

The Mustard Seed Foundation is located on Coffee County Road #211. For more information call 347-4630, 897-6647, or 735-2453.

Wednesday, August 30, 1995 - Devotion: Antioch, Mt. Moriah, and Friendship. Antioch Choir will render music.

Thursday, August 31, 1995 - Devotion: First Baptist, New Pilgrim, and Jordan Grove. First Baptist Choir of Andalusia, AL, will render music.

Friday, September 1, 1995 - Devotion: Rocky Head, Mt. Pilgrim, Springhill, Triumph Holiness, and Bethlehem. Rocky Head Ensemble will render music.

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Round & About With Eria

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Scripture: Proverbs 3:19-20.

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Religion...Major Black Religious Groups

Baptist: Became major force immediately following Civil War.

Methodist: AME-established as an institution in 1816.

AME: Zion-several connections with the white Methodist church in 1820.

CME: first general conference in 1870; the only major denomination established in the south as an independent body by former slaves.

COGIC: fast growing body founded in 1895.

Gospel Shoot Out II

Gospel Shoot Out II will be held August 26, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba Zion MB Church of Elba, AL. A skit will be performed by the Youth Training Center. Featured singers will be Able, Harris Temple, and Voices of Beulah.

Master of Ceremony will be Min. L. Bryant.

This program is sponsored by the 4-C's: Project Cinnamon.

Ree-Nita Natessia Brooks

Ree-Nita Natessia Brooks of Enterprise, AL, was six years old on August 17, 1995. She celebrated her birthday with breakfast at Shoney's on August 17 and lunch at Pizza Hut. Money and toys were given to her by family members. Her parents are Wiley and Juanita Brooks of Enterprise, AL. She has a brother, Ronnie Caldwell.

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Football Legend

Hall of Fame football great Rosey Grier is coming to Ozark. Once a member of the original "Fearsome Foursome" of the Los Angeles Rams, Rosey Grier is now a sought after author, singer, and minister of the gospel.

He will be at Glory To Him Fellowship, 3501 E. Andrews, Ozark, AL, Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Hope Homecoming & Revival Services

Homecoming and revival services for Good Hope Baptist Church of Luverne, AL will be August 27-September 1, 1995.

The regular order of service will be followed Sunday morning. At 2:30 p.m. the homecoming service will begin. The devotion will be given by Oak Grove Baptist, New Hope (Valley), and Zion Chapel Baptist. The sermon will be given by Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, AL.

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Pictured above are Richard and Cristy Moss with their three children: Ryan, 4 years old; Cate, 2 years old; and Riley, 7 months old.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church has new pastor

Richard B. Moss assumed the pastorate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Sunday, August 20, 1995.

Moss received his Bible studies at education came from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His ministry studies were conducted at Covington Theological Seminary. Moss' former churches include Pineywood Baptist Church of Gardendale, AL, where he was a youth minister; Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Coker, AL, where he was student minister; Valley Creek Baptist Church of Leonard, TX, where he was associate pastor; Aberfoyle Baptist Church of Wolfe City, TX, where he was pastor; and Salem Sayers Baptist Church of San Antonio, TX, where he was associate pastor.

Richard Moss and his wife, Cristy, have three children: Ryan, age 4; Cate, age 2; and Riley, age 7 months.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to the community to come and visit with them.

Worship in the church of your choice this Sunday!!!!

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:15 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
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M.T.F. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dorcas Miller
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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.

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First Baptist Church

A story is told of three preachers who met one day in order to discuss various methods of distributing the weekly offering by a congregation. In the course of conversation, the subject of how much should be kept for the salary of the pastor soon arose. The first minister explained that his method of ascertaining how much should be kept for himself first involved gathering all the money together in a basket and taking it outside. From there, said the first preacher, he would draw a line in some sand, stand on one side of the line, and toss the money in the air. Whatever money landed on his side of the line was his salary, while the money on the other side went to the church's upkeep and ministries.

The second preacher spoke up and proclaimed that his method was much like the first preacher. He would take the money outside, draw a circle in some sand, stand in the middle of the circle, and toss the money into the air. Whatever money landed inside the circle was his, and whatever landed outside the circle was the church's.

The first and second ministers both agreed that these ways were excellent, as they each believed that God controlled the wind, and surely created the laws of physics, and therefore had a direct hand in the distribution each week. The third minister then presented his method, which he said was much better than the first two. He uttered that the other ministers had no real faith in God, and did not truly believe in His Power. His method showed clearly that he possessed the greatest belief. What he did, said the third pastor, was to take the money and go out into the churchyard. From there, he tossed the money into the air, and whatever God wanted for the church, God would keep, and whatever fell to the ground was his salary!!!

How many times has each of us played such a game with God? All too often we tend to go through the ritual of tossing our very lives before God in a perverse and unholy manner, and then proceed to convince ourselves that God had His chance, and therefore we are free to do as we please. Trying to outwit or pull the wool over the Almighty is indeed a foolhardy and almighty endeavor, or goals. Some even let others make plans and decisions for them. In the Basin Baptist Church Revival "Summer Sundays", participants will be walking through a step-by-step process of how to take control of their lives.

The revival began August 6, and it

will continue August 27, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Haven Baptist Church to have Homecoming Sunday, August 27th

Homecoming at New Haven Baptist Church will be held Sunday, August 27. Rev. Larry Doster will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served in the new fellowship hall. In the afternoon, there will be singing with the group "Resting Place". Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Social Notes

Harrelson-Hamilton united in holy matrimony

Cassady-Griffin Wedding held May 27th

Tiffina Griffin and Joseph Bradley Cassady were united in marriage May 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Opp First Baptist Church with Dr. Hugh Tobias officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle L. Cassady. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mae Snellgrove and the late Mr. Jack Snellgrove of Elba. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Randolph (T Bone) Griffin of Opp. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Benton and Mrs. Sarah Cullum and the late Botcoe Cassady of Andalusia.

Guests were registered as they entered the sanctuary by Ms. Nicole Faulk and Ms. Melodie Hall, friends of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a stunning white all lace and pearl sheath gown. The halter neckline and sleeveless bodice were trimmed in rows of sequins and outlined with a row of pearls. The lace was a unique embroidered all-lace lace with clusters of pearls resembling petals of a delicate fern. The fitted bodice and skirt provided a dramatic and elegant look. The gown was enhanced with a satin bow at the back of the waist that gently flowed into a detachable satin chapel train. Matching lace and pearls accented the hat and attached finishing veil to add that special finishing touch. The bride carried a beautiful bouquet of white calla lilies and freesia.

A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. Connie Kelley, organist, and Ms. Connie Nobles, vocalist. The musical selections chosen by the couple were "Only God Could Love You More," "In This Very Room," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Serving as maids of honor were Ms. Trista Griffin, sister of the bride, and Ms. Kimberly McCarty, both of Opp. Bridesmaids were Ms. Tami Boothe, Ms. Christy Northrop, Ms. Chastity Moulton, and Ms. Cheryl Walton, all of Opp. Serving as junior bridesmaid was Lauren Snellgrove of Orlando, Florida, cousin of the bride.

The attendants were beautiful in short dresses of tangerine, while carrying bouquets of bright colorful stargazer lilies, statice, and eucalyptus.

Serving as flower girl was Ms. Madeleine Cassidy of Andalusia, niece of the groom, who was gorgeous in a white hand-sewn gown with embroidered tangerine rose.



Mrs. Joseph Bradley Cassady

Wyatt.

The reception was made possible through the direction and talent of Mrs. Sally Grimes and Mrs. Julie Harrison, cousins of the couple.

Following the tossing of the orange and blue bouquet and garter, the couple was delivered to their home by a lovely horse and buggy ride, a gift from the groom's parents. Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Andalusia.

The groom's parents entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner at the Opp Country Club. The lovely party was beautifully decorated with crystal vases containing swimming goldfish with a lovely bird of paradise in the middle of each vase. Everette, Patty and Jill Jeffcoat provided a superb feast for the couple including pictures and invitations of their engagement and pre-nuptial parties. Patty Jeffcoat, aunt of the groom, also arranged pictures of the couple from birth until the present. The wedding party enjoyed hearing stories about the couple's past adventures following the delicious prime rib dinner.

Other refreshments included cheese straws, chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, shrimp, fresh oranges, strawberries and grapes, toasted pecans, and heart shaped mints. A beautiful arrangement of mixed flowers in a tall crystal vase accented this lovely food table.

Assisting with the reception were Ms. Katie Loggins, Ms. Traci Moore, Ms. Katie Wyatt, Mrs. June Boothe, Mrs. Susan Dee, Ms. Rebecca Edgar, Mrs. Candy Ellis, Mrs. Nava Jo Knight, Mrs. Elizabeth Mooney, and Mrs. Mary Charles.

Retired Officers' Wives' Auxiliary to meet September 12

The Retired Officers' Wives Auxiliary will hold its first brunch on Tuesday, September 12, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Officers Club. This will be our membership brunch hosted by the ROWA board members. Membership is open to all wives of retired military officers. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 8, 1995. You may call one of the following numbers to make your reservation: 598-6354, 792-2938, 347-4348, 347-1971, or 774-8600. Permanent reservations will not be carried over from last year.

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Mildred Jill Hamilton and Michael Engram Harrelson of Eufaula were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, June 24, 1995 at the First United Methodist Church in Chattahoochee, Florida. The bride and groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harrelson of Elba.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Foster Huddleston of Heidelberg, Mississippi, and Mr. Kit Hamilton and the late Mildred Hamilton of Foster, Kentucky. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Alice Kidd and the late Rev. Daniel B. Kidd of Brantley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Engram Harrelson of Elba.

Creating the picturesque setting, either side of the front steps of the church was flanked by towering arrangements of gladiolas, fugi mums, carnations, dendrobium orchids, curly willow, and mixed greenery. In the foyer, accenting the registry table, was a slender crystal vase topped with an asymmetrical spray of snapdragons, dendrobium orchids, casablanca lilies, curly willow and grasses.

Forming a background for the exchanging of vows, the chancel held a stately contemporary floral design of calla lilies, snapdragons, stock, casablanca lilies, Queen Anne's lace, curly willow, and mixed greenery. White tapers in brass candelabras atop pedestals were on either side of the communion table.

Draping garlands of sprengeri fern connected two arrangements atop either end of the altar rail. Each arrangement consisted of one hundred white roses, seeded eucalyptus and variegated philodendron. Family pews were marked with delicate sprays of dendrobium orchids, mixed greenery and ribbons. A free-form arrangement of curly willow, gladiolas, snapdragons, fugi mums, and mixed greenery, and a flower girl's basket of mixed greenery and ribbons. A free-form arrangement of curly willow, gladiolas, snapdragons, fugi mums, and mixed greenery, and a flower girl's basket of mixed greenery and ribbons.

Nuptial musical selections were presented by Charlotte Bailey, organist, and Ginger Holloway, pianist. Marty Harrelson, brother of the groom, sang "In This Very Room." Jason Self and Frankie Gilmore sang a prayer song, "Household of Faith." The Eufaula High School FFA Quartet presented a selection called "Wedding Music." As the bride prepared to enter the sanctuary, the groom sang to her a special arrangement of "To Me."

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore an off-the-shoulder full-length straight gown of white antique satin with an embellished bodice of sequins, pearls, and lace. Her chapel-length train featured cut-work accented with sequins, pearls, and lace. Her veil was a crown of sequins, pearls, and lace with shoulder length chiffon netting. She carried a traditional cascading bouquet of stephanotis, dendrobium, and phalaenopsis orchids, casablanca lilies, beargrass, and ming fern.

Lea Hamilton, sister of the bride of honor, was maid of honor. Tracy Johnson of Enterprise was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were DeLonda Harrelson, sister of the groom of Elba; LeAnn Arnold of Sneads, Florida; Jeanine Hewitt of Tallahassee, Florida; Angie Suber of Chattahoochee, Florida; Nancy Simmons of Jacksonville, Florida; and Kathy Money of Auburn. They were attired in jade teal-length dresses of antique satin with sweetheart necklines and carried hand-tied bouquets of calla lilies and beargrass accented by French-wired ribbon.

Flower girls were Emily and Jessica Reeves, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reeves of Decatur. Each wore an identical white off-the-shoulder ballerina-designed teal-length dress. Each carried a white wicker basket holding white rose and dendrobium orchid petals.

Ringbearers were Aaron Harrelson, Kason and Seth Hamilton, and Emily and Jessica Reeves. Following a honeymoon trip to Destin, Florida, the newlyweds are residing in Eufaula. The bride is employed as a teacher and coach and the groom is a teacher and FFA advisor, both for the Eufaula City School System.

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Mrs. Michael Engram Harrelson

Rehearsal Dinner

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More Socials

McLeod-Beasley Wedding held June 17th

Virginia Beasley of Enterprise, AL and Brian McLeod of Jack, AL were united in marriage June 17, 1995 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Hebron Baptist Church in the Wilkinstown Community. Officiating minister was Hubert McWaters. The wedding was directed by Charlene Goolsby of Enterprise, AL.

Parents of the couple are Wendell and Ann Sanders of Enterprise, AL and Richard and Kathy McLeod of Jack, AL.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Mike Lindsey, Vocalists Rhonda Hughes and Richard Hider sang "The Wedding Song", "Keeper of the Stars", "I Can't Help Falling in Love", and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, Wendell Sanders, the bride wore a floor length gown of ivory silk shantung. The sweetheart neckline was enhanced by the full puffed short sleeves. Re-embroidered all-lace lace accented the bodice and basque waistline with scattered appliques on the fully gathered skirt and chapel length train.

Large silk roses on the head piece copied those on the shoulders of the gown. Silk illusion fell to fingertip length on the veil.

She carried a cascade of ivory and peach roses, accented with polished miniature ivory and baby's breath with bridal ribbon streamers.

Maid of honor was Cindy Ivey of Enterprise, AL. She wore a two-piece dress in soft peach bengaline. The double breasted jacket flared out from the fitted waist with a slim skirt falling to tea-length.

She carried a nosegay of ivory and peach roses accented with miniature ivory and baby's breath. The flower girl was Laralee Beasley of Enterprise, AL. Her dress was of ivory satin accented with an oversized rounded peach collar trimmed in ivory and peach lace. The dress was further accented with a peach sash and pantaloons.

Best man was Richard McLeod of Jack, AL. Groomsmen were Woody Sanders of Tallahassee, FL; Todd Sanders of Enterprise, AL; Jason McLeod of Brundidge, AL; and Cade Shiver of Brundidge, AL.

Ringbearer was Brian Beasley of Enterprise, AL. The mother of the bride wore a two-piece dress of peach colored linen. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline with yoke overlaid with self colored braid, lace and pearls.

The mother of the groom wore a tailored suit of pink linen with a rounded neckline and detailed beading on the jacket.

A reception was given in honor of the couple in the church fellowship hall by the parents of the bride. Serving at the guest register were Emily McLeod and Katie Sanders of the Tarentum Community. Hostesses at the reception were: Brenda Jackson, Pat Green, Jennifer McHugh, Misty Childs, Amber Shiver, Ann Dunn, Ryan Dunn, and Kay Sanders.

After a wedding trip to the Caribbean and points of interest in South Florida, the couple will make their home in Jack, AL.

Pre-Nuptials
The rehearsal dinner was given by the parents of the groom on June 16 at Green's Restaurant in the Victoria Community of Coffee County, AL.

A bridal shower was given by Sharon Legg, Shirley Legg, Earlene Jacobs, Brenda McDermott, Barbara Shiver, and Amber Shiver on June 21, 1995 at the home of Sharon Legg in Jack, AL.

A handy man shower was given by Jimmy and Kay Sanders on June 23, 1995 at their home in the Tarentum Community of Coffee County, AL.



Mr. & Mrs. Brian McLeod

Miller Reunion planned for September 10th

The annual Elijah and Alex Miller family reunion will be held Sunday, September 10 at the Enterprise Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A covered dish luncheon is planned for noon.

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Wednesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Toast & Grits or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Cheddarburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Dessert, Milk.
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Troy State University Names honor students

The names of Troy State Students whose summer quarter grades earned them placement on the Chancellor's or Provost's lists have been announced by Dr. Lawrence Lovik, provost for the TSU System.

The Chancellor's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students earning a straight A average. The Provost's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students earning a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Local Chancellor's List honorees include Melissa Jones Coate, Lori A.

Tiger Football Pageant to be held Tuesday, August 29th

The Miss Tiger Football Pageant will be Tuesday, August 29, 1995, 6:30 p.m. at Elba High School. Beginning August 21, entry forms were available at Elba Elementary School and Elba High School. Age divisions for the pageant will be Little Miss (K-3), Mini Miss (4-6), Jr. Miss (7-8), and Miss (9-12). For more information contact Susan Barnes at Elba High School at 897-2266.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED TOGETHER... Tina Katherine Roberts of Eclectic recently turned 3 years old and her great grandmother, Mrs. Annie L. Hobson, turned 83. They had a birthday party together in Laurel, Mississippi. Tina is the daughter of Tate and Russ Roberts and the granddaughter of Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba. Tina has a brother, Hobson, who is 4, and a sister, Mara, who is 1 1/2.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Another school year has started and this time around both girls are rookies at their respective schools. Melissa has made the jump to Elba High and will be in the seventh grade, while Melanie will enter the first grade at Elba Elementary. I really don't expect either girl to have any real problems at either school, but it is more than a little scary for Mom and Dad to watch their girls growing up, so fast!

DON'T BELIEVE REPORTS OF AILING TIGERS

If you talk to many old-time Elba Tiger fans they might convince you that the Tigers are ailing, and could actually die a slow death during the 1995 high school football season. I've heard the talk and have probably talked with as many fans as anybody in town, but I for one don't believe a word of it! I will admit Elba lacks experience at quarterback, but that has been the case many times over the past several years, and this year much of the pressure on the quarterback could very well be eased with a stable of solid backs, led by Chris Tyson and D'undray Peterson; some quality linemen led by Eddie Cowen, Todd Hooks, Todd McKee and Rudy Free; and some speedy receivers led by Lenny Smedley. Over on defense, Elba looks even more solid with Hooks, Free, McKee, Peterson and Cowen all coming back, not to mention what could be an outstanding defensive secondary.

Elba seems to have a depth problem, as is the case at most 3A schools, but Coach Lowery has been working his players hard all summer and if the Tigers can stay healthy, the off-season conditioning program should pay dividends. Some people joke that they read the obituaries every day to make sure they are not listed. Well, some area fans may already be writing the Tigers obituary; however, they should find a safe place to put it, because the reported death of these Tigers is quite a bit premature.

ELBA JUNIOR TIGERS ARE READY TO KICKOFF

When a team hasn't won a game in two years, many would doubt just how much the players really want to play. That may be the case in some places, but at Elba Junior High the 1995 Tigers are pacing the practice field and the players, and coaches, can't wait to kickoff the new season and end their long losing streak.

Coach Frank Phillips developed a sense of team pride in the spring and built on the positive attitude with a top-notch summer program. The Tigers are more than tired of hearing how they can't win, and are ready to silence their critics and pay back their opponents for the past two seasons. These Tigers are hungry, and if they can taste victory, they could go on a rampage!

SINCE WHEN IS A PRAYER UNSPORTSMANLIKE?

The NCAA has decided to crack down on the celebrations of players on the field and this season will strictly enforce its rule about players' actions that delay the game, incite the crowd or humiliate their opponents. Ever since Miami began its finger-pointing and show-boating under Jimmy Johnson the NCAA has needed to put a stop to such actions, that at times border on being vulgar. I agree that it's time to enforce the rule; however, I can't believe that one of the celebrations pointed out by the NCAA to the referees for penalizing is when a player kneels in the endzone and prays. Get real...everyone knows the difference between the showboating that goes on and a player's genuine love of his Lord, or at least everyone except the almighty at the NCAA!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

***The Elba teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League will host Kingston in a pre-season football jamboree this Saturday night at Molar Memorial Stadium. The regular season will kickoff next week, when Elba hosts Brantley for three games.

***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has constructed a sand volleyball court at Hawkins-Williams Park. Those that have used the court brag about how good it is, and now that the court has been lighted for night use, it's even better than before.

***Elba High will field a girl's varsity and junior varsity basketball team this fall, with Brian Weeks to coach the varsity and David Collins to coach the JV. Girl's basketball has been revived in Elba for a couple of years, and now many people involved are going to work hard to make sure the program is first class.

***While discussing girl's athletics, did you know that it will be volleyball season soon at Elba High? The members of the girl's teams have been at work for weeks in preparation, and this year are determined not to simply field a team, but to win some matches and make a run at the state title. Keep it going, and before long the success will come.

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Sports

Signs with Coastal Carolina University

David Yelverton makes jump to major college

After completing his senior season at Elba High School, Tiger basketball standout David Yelverton turned down numerous offers from four-year colleges to sign with Alabama Southern Community College.

After one year in the junior college ranks, a year in which Yelverton helped his team advance to the National Junior College Basketball Tournament, the Elba native has decided to again make a move, and last week announced that he had

signed a scholarship with Coastal Carolina University, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

"We are very pleased to be able to get David at this stage of the year," stated Coastal Carolina's Coach Michael Hopkins. "David is someone that we have been recruiting for some time, and have just been waiting for him to finish up some academic work. He gives us another versatile athletic wing player who can play two or three different positions."

"David was also very appealing to us because he has three years of eligibility remaining," added Coach Hopkins. "He was a high school

qualifier and has completed the necessary classes to transfer to Coastal. David is very excited to be here at Coastal and we are very excited about having him here as part of the program."

Yelverton, a four-year starter at Elba High School, was twice named the Area "Player of the Year" in 1A-3A, and during his senior season averaged 24 points and 11 rebounds per game in leading his team to the Regional finals.

At Alabama Southern, Yelverton averaged 10 points and 4 rebounds per game and led the team to a 22-10 record and a spot in the national tournament.

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1986-Sweet Water	1986-Crossville	1986-Gadsden
1987-Montgomery A.C.	1987-UMS Pre	1987-Greenville
1988-Courtland	1988-Thomassville	1988-Oxford
1989-Courtland	1989-Elba	1989-Oxford
1990-Courtland	1990-Dallas County	1990-Blount
1991-McKenzie	1991-Luverne	1991-Gadsden
1992-Billingsley	1992-Elba	1992-Blount
1993-Brantley	1993-Colbert County	1993-Oxford
1994-Carrollton	1994-Colbert County	1994-Greenville
CLASS 2A	CLASS 4A	CLASS 6A
1985-Hazlewood	1985-Alexandria	1985-Northview
1986-Cottonwood	1986-Lichfield	1986-R.E. Lee
1987-Reelstown	1987-Elmore County	1987-Vigor
1988-Hazlewood	1988-Pike County	1988-Vigor
1989-Hazlewood	1989-Pike County	1989-Amistion
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1992-Hazlewood	1992-Daleville	1992-R.E. Lee
1993-St. Clair County	1993-North Jackson	1993-Central, Pl. City
1994-Clay County	1994-T.R. Miller	1994-Amistion

High school dynasties not common place in Alabama

High school football is much more than just a sport for the hundreds of thousands of fans that fill up stadiums across Alabama each and every Friday night, and a look at the state champions over the past

ten years reveal that the excitement of winning a state title has been spread to fans all across the state.

In Class 1A, the Courtland Indians dominated the action from 1988-1990 as they won three straight titles; however, over the past four years the trophy has been passed around annually with McKenzie, Billingsley, Brantley and Carrollton claiming crowns.

In Class 2A, the powerful Hazlewood Golden Bears were almost handed the trophy prior to the beginning of the season for many years, winning state titles in 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Bears dominance has ended in recent years, with St. Clair County and Clay County claiming titles of their own.

In Class 3A, the state championship trophies have truly spread across the state, with only Elba (1989 and 1992) and Colbert County (1993 and 1994) being able to take home two crowns. The 3A ranks were dominated by the South for six years with UMS Prep, Thomasville, Elba, Dallas County, Luverne and Elba, again, combining to keep the title in South Alabama from 1987 until 1993.

In Class 4A, Pike County (1988 and 1989) and T.R. Miller (1991 and 1994) are the only teams to claim more than one title over the past decade, with T.R. Miller's bookend titles being separated by Daleville (1992) and North Jackson (1993).

In Class 5A, Oxford has carried home three state championships over the past ten years, with the Yellowjackets winning state crowns in 1988, 1989 and 1993. Greenville claimed two titles over the same time span with crowns in 1987 and 1994, giving the two teams half of the crowns over the decade. Colbert County, the 3A state champ in 1993 and 1994, began the decade with a 4A title in 1985.

In Class 6A, the Robert E. Lee Generals have won three state titles over the past decade, with the crowns coming in 1986, 1991 and 1992. The three crowns are one more than have been won by Vigor, which ruled the 6A ranks in 1987 and 1988, and also one more than Amistion has to its credit, having taken titles in 1989 and 1994.

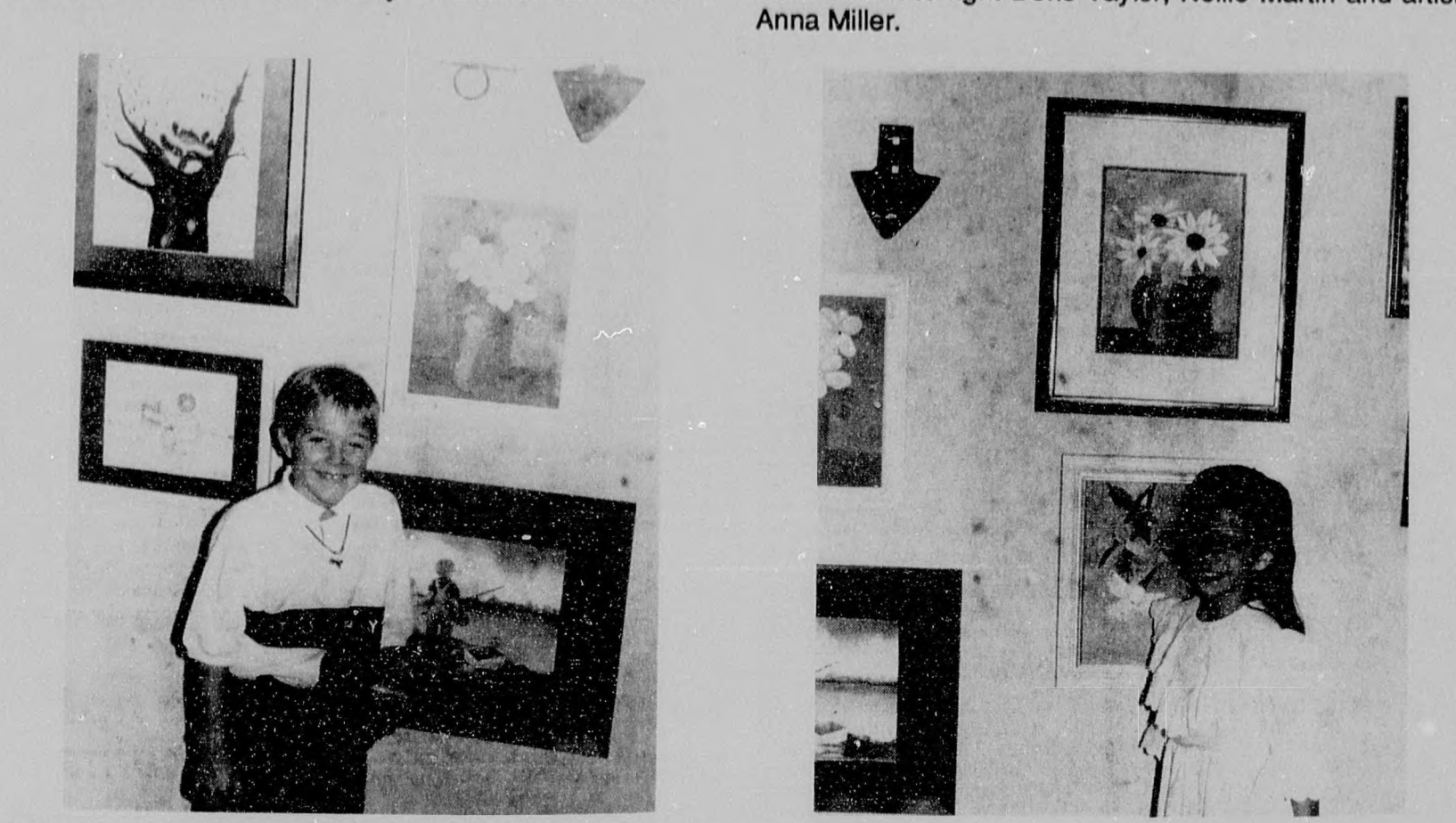
An overall look at the past decade of Alabama high school football reveals that Hazlewood is the "King" of the gridiron with its six titles, while Courtland, Colbert County, Oxford and Robert E. Lee have all won three crowns.

For more info call: Ronny Shiver, H - (334) 735-3456 O - (334) 303-9017 Tracy Kyser, (334) 774-1471 or 701-1650

Recent Southern Images Open House featured budding young local artists' and their works



Pictured left to right Harriet Boyd and artist Kara GILES.



Pictured left to right Doris Taylor, Nellie Martin and artist Anna Miller.

Artist Timothy Jackson

Artist Kristin Barnes

NBHS Homecoming to be held September 22

The New Brockton High School Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, September 22, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. To register for the parade call Amanda Thrasher at 894-2350 or 894-5434. Homecoming ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the football stadium.

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ESJC's Career Training Program set's new focus



MIKAEL KEITH JOHNSON

Enterprise State Junior College's Career Training Program for Women has dropped the "for women" to show that they now cater to men as well.

Linda Wilson, coordinator for the Career Training Program says the reason for the change is to now "help mainstream men and women into non-traditional careers." She says the initial goal of the program was to "help mature women re-enter the workforce." But because of growing male interest, the program now includes men.

Interested persons may enroll if they have inadequate job skills, are looking for a job in a non-traditional field, want to return to school or work, or are faced with having to make sudden decisions about their life because of separation, divorce, retirement, or widowhood.

The Career Training Program offers qualifying members individual counseling, job placement assistance, referrals to other agencies, and use of special information describing practical solutions to any problems they may face. A wide variety of useful seminars are also given in such areas as career exploration, money management, study skills, and resume writing. And the very reasonable fee for this program is only \$150.

So if you are an adult man or woman interested in exploring your future and you find yourself faced with returning to work or school, Enterprise State Junior College's Career Training Program can help you explore the possibilities.

For more information about the program's qualifications and enrollment procedures, call 393-ESJC, ext. 297.



Mikael Keith Johnson

Mikael Keith Johnson, son of Rudy and Suzanne Johnson of Elba, was born July 19, 1995 at 1:10 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ken and Sue Mace of Elba and Marilyn Myers of Enterprise.

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ble land, has been converted to permanent sod for hay or grazing for cattle.

Mallory noted that farming has come a long way since he first started in 1938. He bought his first farm land, which consisted of eleven 40's, paying \$21 per acre and tilled the soil using a mule and plow. He bought his first tractor in 1943.

Several of his relatives and friends told him that he would never get his land paid for, but he did in just five years.

"Farming and conservation is a continuous thing - you won't ever get it all done," said Mallory. "It's like the pursuit of happiness - you must enjoy working at it!"

"The Soil and Conservation Service helped me do a better job farming," he said. "I took old land and made it work."

As a supervisor for the district (Coffee County), Mallory first served as the chairman from 1959 until 1971, and then served as vice chairman until his retirement.

He has served as chairman of many standing committees of the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts and has provided strong

leadership at the local and state levels in district work.

Mallory has also enjoyed working with youth as well as adults. He worked closely with FFA youth by bringing them to his farm to learn about soils and conservation.

Mallory's wife Olene, now deceased, was very active and supportive in all of his efforts in conservation. He has three daughters, Janice, Barbara, and Kathy.

Mallory's leadership and example have meant an awful lot to this county. His dedication shows in all aspects by success for him and others he touched.

Other areas he has served as follows: Covington Electric Board of Directors, 1969 to present - currently serves as vice-president of board; Coffee County Bank Board of Directors (now CB&T) - 1966-1987; Coffee County Board of Education - 1957-1980; Director Farmers Livestock Co-Op, Opp; director Greenhorn Saddle Club; director Coffee County Cattleman's Association; and director Coffee County Farm Bureau (ALFA).

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of Education science project, covering South Alabama. She is one of only two teachers statewide who were offered these two newly created positions.

Pearce said Elba should feel complimented to have such an opportunity offered to a staff member.

The board approved her request.

Mrs. Nelda (Molley) Bailey was hired to fill the biology position for the coming year. Bailey, a former nurse who returned to school for additional education, is highly qual-

ified, Pearce said.

Jacob Davis was named to fill the agribusiness position. Davis is a graduate of Opp High School and worked one year in the Samson program. His family lives between Curtis and Opp.

Shirley Dye will fill in for 1st grade teacher Mary Grider who was previously granted a leave of absence.

Debbie Rhoades will serve as a 1st grade aide during this time. Sandra Rhoades was hired as an aide in elementary special education.

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Public forums have already been staged in Bay Minette, Demopolis, Tuscaloosa, Athens and Anniston.

The Enterprise forum is targeted for residents of Crenshaw, Pike, Barbour, Covington, Coffee, Dale, Henry, Geneva and Houston counties. The final forum will be held at AU Montgomery on August 31.

AU Provost Paul Parks and David Wilson, AU vice president for outreach and associate provost, will host the Enterprise forum. Also attending will be deans from AU's 12 colleges and schools and other university representatives.

"Our experiences in the forums, to date, have been gratifying," says Wilson. "Citizens of Alabama are enthusiastically greeting this oppor-

tunity to make their views known to the university, and this information will be of great value to us as we plan for the next century."

"A large turnout is expected for the forum in Enterprise," says Wilson.

After participants register, a plenary meeting will be held in which participants can learn about Auburn's overall outreach mission. Then small discussion or "break-out" groups will meet to vocalize issues and concerns.

A facilitator keeps a list of the issues raised in each meeting, and the listings are posted for viewing and summary during refreshments provided for participants.

Army/Air Force News

Juan R. Carpenter received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, instruction in communications, management, and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Guard, or Reserve.

The cadet is a student at Troy State University, Troy, AL. Carpenter is the son of Lucinda Carpenter of Elba, AL.

He is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School.

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DOGS

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This amendment was adopted by the city council on July 13, 1995.

Dog owners should be aware that when their dog comes up missing, they should check with the animal control officer or go by the pound to see if his or her pet is there.

The recently renovated city pound is accessible 24 hours a day and is located just off AL 203 (bypass) between U.S. Hwy. 84W and the Kingston Highway (AL 189). There are signs that indicate the entrance to the pound.

MacArthur Tech News

Computer Fundamentals Course

Registration for an evening course in computer fundamentals will be held Thursday, September 7, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center at MacArthur State Technical College. Evening classes will meet one night per week from 5-9:30 p.m.

This course is an introduction to the most common software applications for microcomputers. It includes "hands-on" use of microcomputers and some of the major commercial software including word processing, spread sheets, database systems, and more.

For more information call MacArthur State Technical College at 493-3573.

New Student Orientation

Orientation for new students will be held September 5 at MacArthur State Technical College. Classes will begin September 7. For more information about technical careers, scholarships, free bus transportation, or student services, call the college at 493-3573 or visit the campus at 1708 North Main Street in Opp.

ESJC HAPPENINGS

Come Join ESJC's Celebration

Enterprise State Junior College celebrates its 30th anniversary beginning fall quarter. Students can join the celebration by taking many exciting courses this fall such as Principles of Accounting, Introduction to Computers, Intermediate French and Aquatic Exercise. Students may also take the basic courses necessary for any major field of study. Fall quarter classes begin September 18. Anyone interested in joining a winning tradition this fall can call 393-ESJC, ext. 233 for more information.

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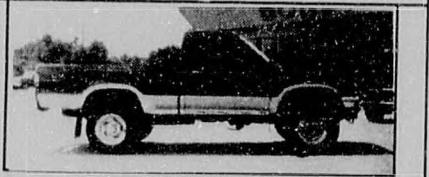
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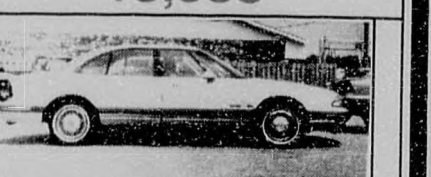
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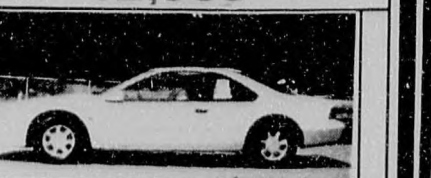
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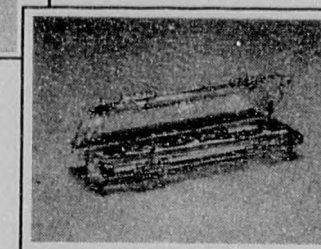
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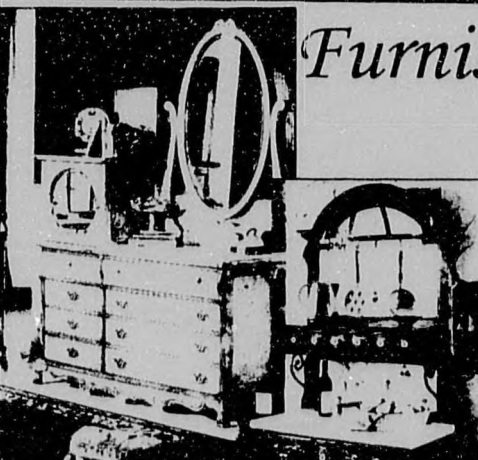


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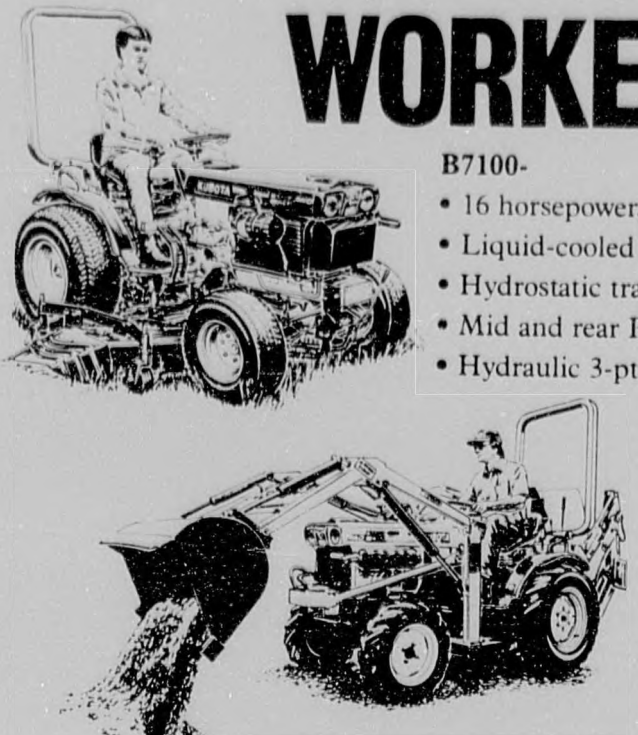
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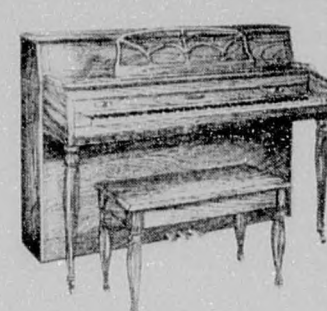
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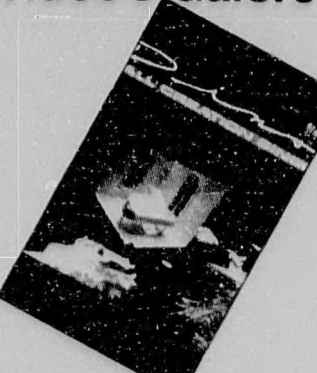
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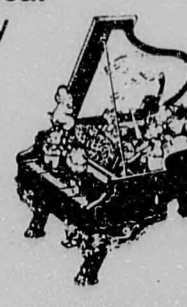
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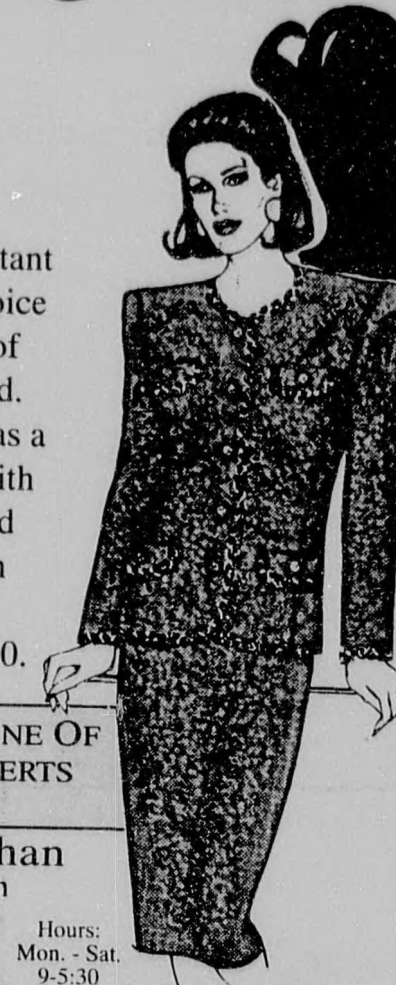
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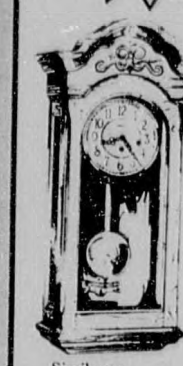
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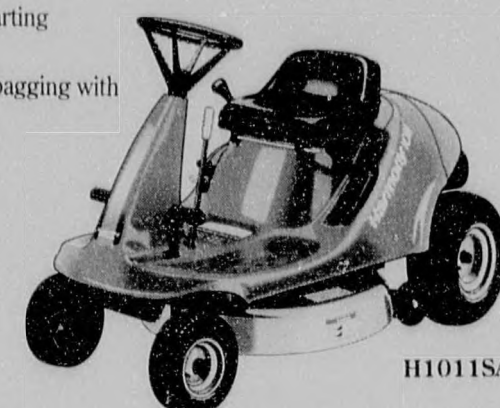
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Elba firemen given special recognition

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Elba officials gave special recognition to four members of the city's volunteer fire department last Thursday evening.

Rick Haywood, mayor of Elba, recognized Fire Chief Loyd Driggers for his 36 years of service to the department.

In recognizing Chief Driggers, the mayor praised the city's all-volunteer department by saying, "We are very fortunate to have such fine men and an outstanding fire department."

Mayor Haywood added that the fire department is run very efficiently at a very little cost to the city. This is largely due to companies like Dorsey Trailers who allow their employees, who are firemen, leave their jobs to answer calls.

The mayor thanked Dorsey officials who were present for the occasion and also thanked the firemen for their dedication to the fire department and the community.

Chief Driggers has been a member of the volunteer organization for a total of 36 years. He has served as the department's chief for 23 of

those years.

Driggers served as a fireman during his service to his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

He credited his and the department's success to the highest power the Lord Jesus Christ. He has kept us safe through the years.

The Elba Fire Department, during its entire history, has never had a fireman seriously injured; however, there have been some very tense moments and close calls.

Chief Driggers recognized three other firemen who have served the department for more than 30 years.

Fireman Collis Parrish has been with the department ever since Chief Driggers has - 36 years.

Parrish thanked God and the people of Elba for the privilege of serving as a fireman.

"I've seen a lot of things happen as a fireman - some miracle! Only by the grace of God have we been able to accomplish what we have through the years," said Parrish.

The department's treasurer, Fireman William Lawford, has served as a volunteer fireman for 32 years.

It was noted by the Chief Driggers that Lawford could stay in a

smoke filled building longer than anyone he had ever seen. This was a before air packs (portable breathing apparatuses) were available to firemen.

Captain Tim Bradshaw was recognized for his 31 years of service as a volunteer. Driggers commented on Bradshaw's response to fire alarms. "When you get to the fire station or to the fire and look around, Tim's always there!" the chief said.

The fire department also recognized the city's chief bookkeeper, Murray Hardwick, who has been with the city for 19 years.

He was recognized because he works so closely with the department in keeping them apprised of how much money they have in the city.

Driggers said of Hardwick, "He is the true definition of a real man. He may not be 6-foot-5, 250 pounds, but this is a man - a real man!"

The group gave all the men recognized, and also the other members of the volunteer organization, a standing ovation.

Attending the occasion were members of the city council, other city department heads, Dorsey Trailers, and other special guests.

There was a light moment when Police Chief Maxwell Hooks commented on Chief Driggers' transformation when the fire alarm goes off. "Usually, Loyd is very laid back and easy going, but when that pager goes off, he becomes what I call, F-I-R-E-M-A-N!" said Hooks. "He becomes a totally different person with one objective - to put out that fire!"

All those in attendance enjoyed a delicious grilled steak dinner with all the trimmings, which was prepared by the members of the fire department.

A SALUTE TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!



PLAQUES PRESENTED TO HONOREES...by Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood. Pictured above (l-r) are: Mayor Haywood, Fireman William Lawford, Fire Chief Loyd Driggers, Captain Tim Bradshaw, Murray Hardwick, and Fireman Collis Parrish

GROUPS PROPOSE AND SUPPORT NEW ENTERPRISE COURTHOUSE

Commission buys property & receives resolutions

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday's meeting to purchase property adjoining the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

In the previous meeting held on August 14, a committee was appointed to look into the possibility of acquiring a house and lot located at the corner of the driveway leading to the jail off U.S. Hwy. 84.

Commissioner Bill Faulk reported that the vacant house, and just over one acre of land, could be purchased for a total of \$60,000.

The only stipulation to the deal was that \$15,000 be paid down and the remaining \$45,000 be paid in three interest free yearly installments of \$15,000.

Ultimately, the facility will be used to house the Mapping & Appraisal Department.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, who is over mapping & appraisal, told commissioners that the house, in its present condition (chopped up in rooms), would not be suitable; however, with renovations,

such as removal of some of the inner walls and closing in the carport, it would suit the present needs of mapping and appraisal.

He stated that the property was in an ideal location for the department, and could be enhanced in the future by adding on to the structure.

Commissioner Faulk noted that the commission has been promising for the past two years to provide the mapping & appraisal department with a better facility.

Burns had appeared before the commissioners on numerous occasions noting the need for a facility to store maps, records and house offices for personnel.

Representatives from the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association were present at Monday's commission meeting.

John Brock, president of the Enterprise C of C presented a resolution to the commission in support of the two courthouse system in Coffee County.

"The citizens of Coffee County would best be served by the current two courthouse system," he said.

Elba BOE holds special session to hire additional teacher

by Farrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session at noon last Friday. The meeting was necessitated by the need to hire an additional sixth grade teacher to accommodate an unexpected increase in enrollment. The three existing classes opened with 31, 31 and 30 students respectively. The number exceeded student enrollment standards set by the state law commonly called the "Smith Bill."

Superintendent Charles Pearce recommended the hiring of Gina Benbow for the 6th grade class. Benbow is a certified teacher and has been working in the school system as a teacher's aide. The board approved and she is now teaching a fourth 6th grade class.

In other action, the board moved to hire Rebecca Cardwell from 1st grade to 3rd grade and hired Pam Mitchell as a 1st grade aide.

The only other business was to adopt the legislative mandated state salary guideline.

Basically the new salary matrix only affects teachers in the Elba system who have more than ten years experience. Elba already used a

alternatives to additional site acquisitions. We stand ready to assist," said Brock.

Under the new schedule, teachers graduated pay plan up through ten years of service.

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Vandals strike in northern Coffee County

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is seeking information in reference to several acts of vandalism which occurred in northern Coffee County.

These acts consisted of damage to several vehicles, mail boxes, and garbage cans.

Information developed during the initial investigation indicates that these acts took place between the hours of 9:30 p.m. on August 28 and 3:00 a.m. on August 29.

At least one witness reported seeing a dark colored pick-up truck with a loud muffler in the area of at least one of the incidents.

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NOTICE
The Elba Chamber of Commerce is NOT soliciting and is NOT SPONSORING ads for a city map at this time.

Problems with residential garbage collection

by Farrin Cox - Publisher

Haywood said people in Brookdale were putting their garbage out on Friday as instructed, but it wasn't being picked up until Saturday. He said the company was explaining it was caused by equipment breakdowns.

The same thing happened again two weeks later, according to Haywood. He reported writing the company a letter noting they were paying premium prices but getting poor service.

Problems with commercial pickup were also reported. The mayor noted health department regulations require some of these to be collected daily and that wasn't happening. He said the company had put a supervisor on the route to see if he could solve the problems.

Haywood suggested any citizen having problems with garbage pickup should call 897-3039. If necessary leave a message on the machine. Leave name, address and nature of problem and the company promises to respond.

He said city officials are aware of the problems and are working with the contractor to get them worked out.

Even though the trucks may carry the word CITY on the door, these

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ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS OPENS...in Elba. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 10 a.m. Friday morning officially opening Elba Barber Shop. The new business is located on Claxton Avenue next to H & R Block and Tiger Videos. Those present for the ceremony are pictured above. They were (l-r): front row - Jr. Miss Elba Elizabeth Strong, Mary Davis, Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood, Myeshelle Parker (owner), Little Miss Elba Casey Medlock, and Elba Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Hudson; back row - Herby McCull, Betty Hudson, Lamar Dean, Dr. E. M. Warr, and Kenneth Calhoun.

State troopers predict 14 will die

Troopers encourage motorists to buckle up, observe posted speed limits, and obey all other traffic laws to help ensure safe travel during the Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day traditionally marks the last major travel period of the summer vacation season. Troopers anticipate traffic will be heavy.

The Department of Public Safety estimates that 14 people will be killed in traffic crashes during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period that begins at 6 p.m., Friday, September 1, and ends at midnight, Monday, September 4.

In 1994, 14 people died in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour period, 9 on rural roadways and 5 in urban areas. Ten of the crash victims died in alcohol-related accidents, and only 3 of the wreck victims were using safety belts.

Additional state troopers will be on patrol to arrest drunken and other dangerous drivers, and to assist motorists.

Federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit enforcement will fund increased enforcement during the holiday weekend.

Sobriety checkpoints, along with regular driver's license and equipment checks, will be conducted throughout the state during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

The sobriety checkpoints are part of the state's "Checkpoint Alabama" project.

Alabama State Troopers also will step up enforcement, along with other state police agencies, as part of Operation C.A.R.E., Combined Accident Reduction Effort.

They will concentrate enforcement on interstates and other heavily traveled roadways in an effort to reduce highway accidents, deaths and injuries during the Labor Day weekend.

** HAPPENINGS **

COMMUNITY SERVICE. There will be a city-wide community service held at the Elba High School Auditorium Sunday evening, September 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The service will feature special music by choirs from the First United Methodist and Rocky Head Baptist Churches. Speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Alton Moore, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Several area ministers will also be on the program. EVERYONE is invited and urged to attend this special service.

CITY HALL TO CLOSE. The offices of the City of Elba will be closed Monday, September 4, 1995, in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, at 8:00 a.m. There will be standby crews for any electrical, water, street, or sewer emergencies. For any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE. All Elba city residents who normally have trash/garbage pick up on Monday will have service on Tuesday; all other Elba residents will have service ONE DAY LATER THAN USUAL. The schedule will return to normal the following week.

COFFEE COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE will remain open one hour longer (until 5:30 p.m.) on Thursday, August 31st and Friday, September 1st for the convenience of Coffee County citizens. Probate Judge Bill Gammit explained this is on a trial basis and for title transfers, the purchase of car tags and licenses only.